

# 4-H court excited for Wallowa County Fair

Girls all have been active in 4-H

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ENTERPRISE — Basey Dawson, Owyhee Harguess and Jadeyn Perin are the 2021-22 4-H Court for the Wallowa County Fair and share a closeness and enthusiasm for 4-H — and being court members — that is evident when you listen to them talk about their experiences of being on the court.

Perin, who is 16, will be a sophomore at Enterprise High School this fall. She said one of her favorite things about being a court member is the camaraderie with her fellow court members.

“I love hanging out with these guys (Dawson and Harguess),” she said. “I’m honestly going to try not to cry (when the new court is announced).”

Harguess is 14 and also attends school at Enterprise, where she will be a freshman in the fall. She enjoys doing new things and, “so far loves the experience,” of being a court member.

Dawson is 15 and attends Joseph Charter School where she will be a sophomore in the fall.

She said she enjoys seeing the younger 4-H members and, “getting them interested. And Debi (Warnock, the Oregon State University Extension Service 4-H agent and court adviser). We couldn’t do it without her.”

The other two girls nodded in agreement.

The girls were eagerly awaiting the Wallowa County Fair, which began Friday, Aug. 5, with the Junior Rodeo and continues through Saturday, Aug. 13 with the 4-H/FFA Fat Stock Sale.

The court planned to take part in many activities and have a number of responsibilities during the fair. All three girls are in several 4-H clubs and planned to show animals at the fair.

Dawson is involved with both 4-H and Joseph FFA. She plans to show her market lamb, named T’nT, for 4-H and her breeding beef, Maga, along with its calf, June (short for Junior), as part of 4-H. She also will have food-preservation entries and will be doing an impromptu presentation.

Harguess, who is part of the Mighty Mutts 4-H Dog Club, was to compete with her dog, Columbia, in the Dog Show and will be showing her market hog, Smokey.



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The 2021-22 4-H Court for the Wallowa County Fair, from left, is Basey Dawson, Owyhee Harguess and Jadeyn Perin. The 4-H court girls were helping to serve lunch for the summer meal program at the Joseph City Park.



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The Wallowa County Fair 4-H court took part in the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Kids Parade in Joseph on Friday, July 29, 2022. From left are Owyhee Harguess, Jadeyn Perin and Basey Dawson.

She said of the fair that she’s, “just always happy to participate. I love it so much. It’s been a good year.”

Perin is in 4-H; Enterprise FFA; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; and is in the Nez Perce Riders 4-H Club; and the Golden Arrow 4-H Livestock Club. She will be showing a market lamb and a breeding ewe, along with her FFA heifer, Ida Mae. She also shows her horse, Brando.

The girls were looking forward to the fair for other reasons, too.

Perin said she is, “mostly excited to hang out with my friends, and show off the hard work I’ve put into my animals.”

Dawson said she likes the

lemonade stand and “having fun and seeing how the animals are going to act.”

When they are not busy with 4-H court responsibilities, club activities or FFA events, the court is active in sports at school. Harguess participates in cross-country, track and plays basketball. Perin plays on the basketball and volleyball teams. The three also enjoy science, and Perin and Dawson said they like their agriculture classes.

Harguess is the daughter of Adrian and Rhonda Harguess. Dawson’s parents are Mark Dawson and Leanna Farrell. Perin’s parents are Austin and Erica Kasper.

Asked about their plans beyond high school, their answers varied.

Harguess said she didn’t have anything specific, but was willing to “explore the possibilities.”

Perin said her path looked to two quite different directions. She said she was looking at becoming “either a large-animal veterinarian or a registered nurse. I want to go to either Texas A&M or a university in Arizona.”

Dawson said she was looking at Blue Mountain Community College, and her interests ranged from veterinary technician to mechanic to rancher. According to Dawson’s 4-H story, the ranching interest runs deep since her mother is a 12th-generation rancher and her dad is a lifelong cowboy and rodeo professional.

# Forest Service restarts forest plan revisions

Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — The U.S. Forest Service is reviving its oft-delayed effort to update the long-term management plans for the three national forests in the Blue Mountains.

The current plans for the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests, which cover almost 5 million acres in Northeastern Oregon, date to the early 1990s.

Forest plans typically are updated every 10 to 15 years.

A draft version of the revised plans for the three forests was finished in 2014 after about 15 years of work.

But after hearing complaints, from people who believe the proposed plans allow too much logging, livestock grazing and other uses, and from people who

think the plans were overly restrictive, Forest Service officials decided to come up with new proposals.

The agency released a final environmental impact statement in 2018, but that, too, prompted widespread complaints.

The Forest Service withdrew the proposed updates on March 14, 2019.

That prompted the creation of the Blues Intergovernmental Council, which includes representatives from counties, federal and Tribal agencies. Over the past two years the Forest Service has been working with the council to address some of the major concerns residents and groups have expressed about previous forest plan revision proposals.

The Forest Service announced on Friday, Aug. 5 that the agency is

putting together a team of agency employees to write separate draft management plans for each of the three national forests.

“The Forest Service is eager to begin the official planning process and hear input on Tribal, individual, and community values,” according to a press release. “Public involvement will help the Forest Service gain local knowledge about existing forest conditions and

understand concerns about community or resource impacts from proposed changes in the revised Forest Plans.

“Multiple uses provided by the national forests (including livestock grazing, timber harvest, forest recreation, tourism, and subsistence activities) are all important to economic and social life in the Blue Mountains area,” the press release states.

## IN BRIEF

### Methodist camp to celebrate 100 years

WALLOWA LAKE — Wallowa Lake United Methodist Camp will celebrate its century mark Aug. 19-20 with “100 Years Around the Campfire,” an event for everyone to visit and experience the camp.

“What most people don’t know is that this camp is not just for kids,” said Peggy Lovegren, one of the camp directors’ in a press release. “This camp was designed for adult groups, family groups and youth events, with a huge variety of guests visiting here each year.”

On Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m., there will be a free dulcimer concert. The next day will include tours of the camp, history, crafts, singing, a camp store, refreshments, silent and live auctions, a dinner and a campfire.

The camp is located at 84522 Church Lane at the head of Wallowa Lake.

For more information, contact directors David and Peggy Lovegren at 541-432-1271 or wallowalake-camp@gmail.com or visit the website at gocamping.org/wallowa lake.

### Wallowa History Center hires development and operations coordinator

WALLOWA — Sadie Kennedy has been hired as the new development and operations coordinator for the Wallowa History Center, according to a press release.

Kennedy comes after practicing law in Wallowa and Union counties. She will handle the administrative duties of the center and will be available to greet visitors there during its open hours.

Starting Thursday, Aug. 4, the hours for the center are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call Marilyn Hulse at 541-886-4701 or the center at 541-886-8000, email wallhistcenter@gmail.com or go online to http://www.wallowahistory.org/ or the center’s Facebook page.

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